FISCAL NOTE

HB 4107 - SB 4151

February 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a procedure for converting unpaid probation and parole fees into a civil judgment. Authorizes the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) to retain a collection agent or to establish an inhouse collection procedure to collect unpaid supervision fees. Authorizes the Board to pay the collection agent up to 40 percent of the amount collected.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - \$315,100/Probation & Parole Supervision Fee Account

Assumptions:

- Currently BOPP is in the process of implementing a new fee accounting software package. As of February, 2008, five of the eight districts have the new software and the remaining three will go on-line before the end of the current fiscal year. BOPP assumes a collection rate of 25 percent of fee debt as a result of this bill. Based on collection reports from June 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, a total of \$340,675 in fee debt has been determined to be uncollectible. Using that total as a basis for a one-year projection, BOPP estimates a total of \$1,362,700 in debt that will be uncollectible (\$1,362,700 x 25% = \$340,675).
- BOPP would use the collection agency that is under state contract to collect unpaid supervision fees. As of February, 2008, the statewide collection fee was 7.5 percent. BOPP would pay the collection agency \$25,550.63 ($$340,675 \times 7.5\% = $25,550.63$). The net increase in state revenue for the Probation and Parole Supervision Fee Account would be \$315,124.37 (\$340,675 \$25,550.63 = \$315,124.37).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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